

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 16, starting on line 10, as follows:

Table 530 also includes columns 540 through 580 which are a list of product phases that correspond to a particular product lifecycle. Columns 540, 550, 560, 570, and 580 correspond to a planning phase, a design phase, a development phase, a test phase, and a release phase, respectively. In addition, each column includes an amount of phase goals, or quantity value, that correspond to each common metric for each product phase. The amount of phase goals for a particular common metric is dependent upon the common metric's weighted priority count. For example, if a common metric has a high weighted priority count, the common metric is a high priority common metric, and, therefore, a large number of phase goals are generated to correspond to the common metric. As can be seen in the example shown in Figure 5B compared with Figure 5A, the quantity value of phase goals is computed by dividing the weighted priority count for each common metric by a factor of 10. As those skilled in the art can appreciate, other approaches may be utilized for computing quantity values from the weighted priority count (see Figure 4 and corresponding text for further details regarding phase goal generation).